

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Canceled).
2. (Currently Amended) The digital camera as claimed in claim 20~~claim 1~~, wherein said editing module comprises~~further comprising~~:
an image setting section for selecting said images; and
a music setting section for selecting said music,
wherein said editing module adjusts an image playback time ~~is adjusted~~ to make said image playback time and said music playback time substantially coincide, based on said number of said images and said music playback time of said music.
3. (Currently Amended) The digital camera as claimed in claim 20~~claim 1~~, wherein said editing module comprises~~further comprising~~:
an image playback time-setting section for setting said playback time of each of said images; and
a music setting section for selecting said music,
wherein said editing module adjusts said number of said images ~~is adjusted~~ to make said image playback time and said music playback time substantially coincide, based on said playback time of each of said images and said music playback time of said music.
4. (Currently Amended) The digital camera as claimed in claim 20~~claim 1~~, wherein said editing module comprises~~further comprising~~:
an image setting section for setting said number of said images; and
an image playback time-setting section for setting said playback time of each of said images,
wherein said music, which is adjusted so that said image playback time and said music playback time substantially coincide, is edited, based on said number of said images and said playback

time of each of said images.

5. (Currently Amended) The digital camera as claimed in claim 20~~claim 1~~, wherein said editing module comprises~~further comprising~~ an adjustment section for adjusting said image playback time to substantially coincide with said music playback time, when said image playback time and said music playback time are not substantially the same.

6. (Original) The digital camera as claimed in claim 5, wherein:
said adjustment section includes an image playback time-adjusting section for adjusting said image playback time;
said image playback time-adjusting section includes:
an image number-adjusting section for setting said number of said images; and
an image time-adjusting section for setting said playback time of each of said images,
wherein said image playback time-adjusting section adjusts said image playback time to substantially coincide with said music playback time, based on said image number-adjusting section and said image time-adjusting section.

7. (Original) The digital camera as claimed in claim 5, wherein:
said adjustment section includes a music playback time-adjusting section for adjusting said music playback time; and
said music playback time-adjusting section adjusts said music playback time to substantially coincide with said image playback time.

8. (Currently Amended) The digital camera as claimed in claim 20~~claim 1~~, wherein said editing module comprises~~further comprising~~:
a playback time setting section for setting a time defined by

a user as playback time of said images;

an image playback time-adjusting section for adjusting said image playback time to substantially coincide with said playback time defined by the user; and

a music playback time-adjusting section for adjusting said music playback time to substantially coincide with said playback time defined by the user.

9. (Original) The digital camera as claimed in claim 1, wherein an image file is created having said music playback time and said image playback time that substantially coincide.

10. (Currently Amended) The digital camera as claimed in claim 20~~claim 1~~, further comprising:

a movie playback module,

wherein movies are played back having movie playback time that substantially coincides with said music playback time of said music, said music being separate from said movies and played back to accompany said movies.

11. (Currently Amended) The digital camera as claimed in claim 20~~claim 1~~, wherein said editing module comprises further comprising a screen switching-setting section for setting said playback time of each of said images by synchronizing timing for switching images with a specific timing of said music.

12. (Original) The digital camera as claimed in claim 11, wherein said specific timing of said music is at least one of a beginning of each sub-section of said music and a distinctive sound.

13. (Currently Amended) The digital camera as claimed in claim 20~~claim 1~~, wherein said editing module comprises further comprising

an image processing section for setting a process of image switching for each genre of said music.

14. (Currently Amended) The digital camera as claimed in claim 20~~claim 1~~, further comprising:

a movie playback module,

wherein movies and said images are played back such that a total playback time for playing back said plurality of images along with said movies substantially coincides with said music playback time, said music being separate from said movies and played back to accompany said movies and said images.

15. (Currently Amended) The digital camera as claimed in any one of claims ~~1-14~~ 2-14 and 20, wherein creation information of at least one of said images and said movies is outputted to a file.

16. (Currently Amended) A method for adjusting an image playback time of a plurality of images and a music playback time of accompanying music to substantially coincide, the method comprising:

(a) accepting input of instructions for selecting images and music to be played back;

(b) setting at least one of images to be played back, an image playback time for playing back said images, music to be played back, movies to be played back, a total playback time, a music genre, a screen switching method, and a mixing level, wherein said music is prepared separately from said images;

(c) obtaining at least one of said image playback time and said music playback time from said setting of said images and said setting of said music;

(d) adjusting at least one of said obtained image playback time and said obtained music playback time to make a period of a

first playback time, which is the playback time for the images, substantially coincide with a period of a second playback time, which is the playback time for said music, wherein said first playback time is defined based on the number of said images and on a playback time for each of said plurality of images; and

(e) processing at least one of the images and the music after said adjusting of at least one of said obtained image playback time and said obtained music playback time.

17. (Currently Amended) An image and music playback apparatus for playing back images accompanied by music, comprising:

an image playback module for playing back a plurality of images accompanied by music prepared separately from said plurality of images in a first playback time;

a music playback module for playing back said music in a second playback time; and

an ~~images~~-editing section connected to said image playback module and said music playback module, ~~said images editing section correlating an image playback time, which is a time for playing back images, and a music playback time, which is a time for playing back accompanying music~~ for making a period of said first playback time substantially coincide with a period of said second playback time, said editing section defining said first playback time based on the number of said images and on a playback time for each of said plurality of images, when sequentially playing back said plurality of images.

18. (Currently Amended) The image and music playback apparatus as claimed in claim 17, wherein said ~~images~~-editing section includes:

an adjustment section having at least one of:

an image number-adjusting section for adjusting a number of images to be played back; and

an image time-adjusting section for adjusting a time for playing back an image.

19. (Currently Amended) The image and music playback apparatus as claimed in claim 18, ~~further comprising~~ wherein said editing section comprises:

an image processing section connected to said adjustment section, said image processing section processing said images in concert with said music to be played back; and

a music processing section connected to said adjustment section, said music processing section processing said music in concert with said images to be played back.

20. (New) A digital camera, comprising:

an image playback module for playing back a plurality of images accompanied by music prepared separately from said plurality of images in a first playback time;

a music playback module for playing back said music in a second playback time; and

an editing module for making a period of said first playback time substantially coincide with a period of said second playback time, said editing module defining said first playback time based on the number of said images and on a playback time for each of said plurality of images, when sequentially playing back said plurality of images.

21. (New) A digital camera as claimed in claim 20, wherein said editing module determines said playback time of each image based on said second playback time and the number of said plurality of images.

22. (New) A digital camera as claimed in claim 21, wherein said

editing module includes an image time-adjusting section for setting said playback time for each of said plurality of images based on a distinctive sound in said music.

23. (New) A digital camera as claimed in claim 21, wherein said editing module includes an image time-adjusting section for setting said playback time for each of said plurality of images based on a sub-section of said music.

24. (New) A method as claimed in claim 16, wherein playback time of each image is determined based on said second playback time and the number of said plurality of images.

25. (New) A method as claimed in claim 24, wherein a playback time for each of said plurality of images is set based on a distinctive sound in said music.

26. (New) A method as claimed in claim 24, wherein a playback time for each of said plurality of images is set based on a sub-section of said music.

27. (New) An apparatus as claimed in claim 17, wherein said editing section determines said playback time of each image based on said second playback time and the number of said plurality of images.

28. (New) An apparatus as claimed in claim 27, wherein said editing section includes an image time-adjusting section for setting said playback time for each of said plurality of images based on a distinctive sound in said music.

29. (New) An apparatus as claimed in claim 27, wherein said editing section includes an image time-adjusting section for setting said

playback time for each of said plurality of images based on a subsection of said music.